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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 16, 2007. Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.